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Re: Application of: Francois Blaudin De The et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

S i r:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.